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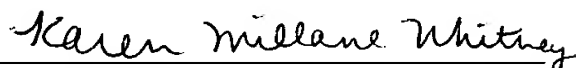
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### **REMARKS**

Further to the October 20, 2003 reply, Applicants are submitting another listing of the pending claims to remedy the ambiguity presented in the previously submitted claim 1 due to a machine error.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of both the October 20, 2003 and the present replies. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (215) 557-5965 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this reply.

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